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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE ON STRENGTHENING

UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE (UNDRO)

REF: (A) STATE 223423, (B) STATE 223430; (C) USUN 4056

1. WITH REFERENCE TO MCCLURE/POOLE CONSULTATIONS WITH
USUN AND KITCHEN CONSULTATIONS WITH IO, WE GATHER THAT
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MISSION ANTICIPATES PROBLEMS (ALREADY ENCOUNTERED WITH

UNDER SECGEN DAVIDSON) IN SELLING IDEA THAT, AFTER FIRST YEAR (1975), ON-GOING ADDITIONAL COSTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN UN REGULAR BUDGET FOR 1976-77 BIENNIUM AND SUCCEEDING BUDGETS.

2. YOU ARE THEREFORE AUTHORIZED, AS AN ALTERNATIVE, TO CONSULT WITH SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DELEGATIONS IN TERMS OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO COVER NOT ONLY ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR FIRST YEAR BUT ALSO FOR SUCCEEDING 1976-77 BIENNIUM, AT WHICH TIME METHOD OF FINANCING THEREAFTER WOULD BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE. U.S. (A.I.D.) IS OFFERING TO MEET ENTIRE FIRST YEAR'S ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES OF UP TO 750,000 DOLLARS, AFTER WHICH U.S. (A.I.D.) WOULD EXPECT TO CONTRIBUTE OUR USUAL FAIR

SHARE OF THE ESTIMATED 450,000 DOLLARS PER ANNUM ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR SUCCEEDING YEARS AND WOULD LOOK TO OTHERS FOR THE BALANCE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO BREAKDOWN OF OUR ESTIMATE PROVIDED IN REFTEL (B), IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THESE ARE SIMPLY ROUGH, ILLUSTRATIVE FIGURES FOR USE IN CONSULTATION AND IN NO SENSE INTENDED TO SET IN CONCRETE OR PREJUDGE THE OPERATIONAL PLAN TO BE PREPARED AS FIRST STEP BY CONSULTANTS. GIVEN DAVIDSON'S DIFFICULTIES, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR USING INSTEAD MORE GENERALIZED CATEGORIES AND ILLUSTRATIVE FIGURES AS DISCUSSED, ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

ILLUSTRATIVE, ROUGH BREAKDOWN OF ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL FIRST-YEAR AND ON-GOING REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS FOR PROVIDING AN ADEQUATE CLEARING HOUSE AND COORDINATING CAPABILITY IN UNDR0

A. FIRST YEAR (1975) US DOLLARS

CONSULTANTS TO PREPARE
OPERATIONAL PLAN 40,000

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INSTALLATION OF SYSTEM 200,000

INSTALLATION COSTS, E.G. COMMUNI-
CATIONS EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER
PROGRAMING AND BUILDING
MODIFICATIONS 100,000

OPERATING EXPENSES, E.G. ADDI-

TIONAL STAFF, COMMUNICATIONS
AND COMPUTER SERVICES, TRAVEL
FOR DISASTER ASSESSMENT,
MEETINGS OF DONOR AND RECIPIENT
COUNTRIES, TRAINING, ETC. 400,000

-- TOTAL FOR 1975 740,000
-- (ROUNDED TO 750,000)

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B. ENSUING YEARS (PER ANNUM) 450,000 DOLLARS (PLUS
INCREMENTS) (YOU WILL NOTE READJUSTMENT BETWEEN FIRST
TWO ITEMS, REPRESENTING CHANGE FROM REFTEL (B) BUT NO
CHANGE IN ESTIMATED TOTAL.)

4. WITH RESPECT TO SERVICES OF CONSULTANTS, WE DO NOT
REPEAT NOT CONTEMPLATE A TIME-CONSUMING IN-DEPTH STUDY
TO DETERMINE WHAT ROLE OR ROLES SHOULD BE PLAYED BY
UNDRO AND WHAT DIRECTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN STRENGTHENING
IT. OUR DISASTER RELIEF EXPERTS HAVE ALREADY DETERMINED
TO OUR SATISFACTION THAT WHAT IS NEEDED AS FIRST PRIORITY
IS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE, EFFECTIVE WORLD-WIDE CLEARING
HOUSE AND COORDINATING CAPABILITY AS DESCRIBED IN
REFTEL (A) -- A MUCH NEEDED SERVICE NO ONE IS PERFORMING
PROPERLY AT PRESENT TIME (AND WHICH THE U.S. DOES NOT
PERFORM) BUT WHICH COULD BE OF VERY SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT
BOTH TO DONORS AND RECIPIENTS. THIS OBJECTIVE WOULD BE
PREDETERMINED BY RESOLUTION WE HAVE IN MIND, AND THIS IS
EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF U.S. OFFER OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING.
(THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO
ELIMINATE OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDRO ALREADY HAS IN TRAIN
UNDER EXISTING FINANCING.)

5. WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR FROM CONSULTANTS IS: (A)
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AS FIRST STEP AND CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE REST, AN
OPERATIONAL PLAN -- TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT A MONTH
OR SO -- COVERING DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR PUTTING
ABOVE OBJECTIVE INTO EFFECT, INCLUDING BOTH ONE-TIME
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SETTING UP FACILITY AND
ON-GOING ADDITIONAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS, AS COVERED
ILLUSTRATIVELY IN PARA 3 ABOVE; AND (B) AS SECOND STEP,
SUPERVISORY SERVICES IN INSTALLING THIS FACILITY. INGERSOLL

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